

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
v.)	CRIMINAL NO. 09-00070
)	CIVIL NO. 16-00278-CB
WILLIAM HENRY NORFLEET,)	
JR.,)	
)	
Petitioner/Defendant)	

ORDER

Petitioner William Henry Norfleet, Jr. has filed, through counsel, a motion requesting the Court to hold in abeyance its ruling on Petitioner's underlying § 2255 motion pending the ruling of in *United States v. Beckles*, ___ U.S. ___, No. 8544 (June 27, 2016). (Doc. 28.) In *Beckles*, the Supreme Court recently granted certiorari on issues that may determine the outcome of Petitioner's motion. Because the *Beckles* case has not been briefed or argued, a final decision is at least months away. This Court is reluctant to hold the motion in abeyance for such a potentially lengthy period. Pursuant to its previous order (Doc. 27), the Court will continue to hold the § 2255 motion in abeyance pending the Eleventh Circuit's final decision in *United States v. Matchett*, 802 F.3d 1185 (11th Cir. 2015). For now, the motion to hold in abeyance pending *Beckles* is **DENIED**.

DONE and **ORDERED** this the 11th day of July, 2016.

s/Charles R. Butler, Jr.
Senior United States District Judge